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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of installing software in a system, comprising:
 - 2 during an installation procedure, providing a user prompt to request entry of a key;
 - 3 determining whether an entered key is proper;
 - 4 in response to determining that the entered key is proper, installing the software in the
 - 5 system and storing the entered key; [[and]]
 - 6 in response to determining that the entered key is not proper, installing the software in the
 - 7 system and enabling activation of first code to prompt for entry of the key at a later time;
 - 8 after enabling activation of the first code, executing the first code during a boot procedure
 - 9 of the system; and
 - 10 during execution of the first code, providing another prompt for entry of a second key.
 - 1 2. (Cancelled)
 - 1 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, further comprising:
 - 2 determining, by the first code, whether the second key is proper; and
 - 3 not executing the installed software in response to the second key not being proper.
 - 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising storing the second key in a registry
2 in response to the second key being proper.
 - 1 5. (Cancelled)
 - 1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[5]] 4, further comprising:
 - 2 during execution of the installed software, providing a prompt for entry of a ~~second~~ a
 - 3 third key.

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- 1 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
 - 2 determining whether the second third key is proper; and
 - 3 stopping execution of the installed software in response to determining that the second
 - 4 third key is not proper.

- 1 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - 2 during execution of the installed software, providing a prompt for entry of a second third
 - 3 key;
 - 4 determining whether the second third key is proper; and
 - 5 stopping execution of the installed software in response to determining that the second
 - 6 third key is not proper.

- 1 9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
 - 2 a processor; and
 - 3 a storage containing installation code for operating software executable by the processor,
 - 4 the installation code when executed to cause the processor to:
 - 5 provide a prompt to request entry of a first key;
 - 6 determine whether the first key is proper;
 - 7 in response to determining that the first key is proper, install the operating
 - 8 software and store the first key in the storage; [[and]]
 - 9 in response to determining that the first key is not proper, install the operating
 - 10 software and enable activation of first code to prompt for entry of a key at a later time;
 - 11 after enabling activation of the first code, execute the first code during a boot
 - 12 procedure of the system,
 - 13 wherein execution of the first code causes the processor to:
 - 14 provide another prompt for entry of a second key; and
 - 15 determine whether the second key is proper.

- 1 10. – 11. (Cancelled)

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1 12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[11]] 9, wherein execution of the first code
2 causes the processor to further:

3 in response to determining that the second key is proper, enable execution of the
4 operating software and store the second key in the storage; and

5 in response to determining that the second key is not proper, not execute the operating
6 software.

1 13. – 14. (Cancelled)

1 15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the storage contains a registry to
2 store the first key in response to determining that the first key is proper.

1 16. (Currently Amended) An article comprising at least one storage medium containing
2 instructions that when executed cause a system to:

3 during an installation procedure, provide a user prompt to request entry of a key;
4 determine whether an entered key is proper;

5 in response to determining that the entered key is proper, install the software in the
6 system and store the entered key; [[and]]

7 in response to determining that the entered key is not proper, install the software in the
8 system and enable activation of first code to prompt for entry of the key at a later time;

9 after enabling activation of the first code, execute the first code during a boot procedure
10 of the system; and

11 during execution of the first code, provide another prompt for entry of a second key.

1 17. (Cancelled)

1 18. (Currently Amended) The article of claim [[17]] 16, wherein the instructions when
2 executed cause the system to further:

3 determine, by the first code, whether the second key is proper; and

4 not execute the installed software in response to the second key not being proper.

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1 19. (Cancelled)

1 20. (Currently Amended) The article of claim [[19]] 18, wherein the instructions when
2 executed cause the system to further:
3 during execution of the installed software, provide a prompt of another key in response to
4 the entered key and the second key not being proper.